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WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 4, 1952

DRY CASEIN

January 1952

ESTIMATED PRODUCTION AND STOCKS - JANUARY 1952

Month	Production					Stocks held by driers at end of month				
	1946-50 average	1951 ^{2/}	1952 ^{2/}	Change in 1952 from 1946-50 1951 av.		1946-50 average	1951	1952	Change in 1952 from 1946-50 1951 av.	
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	Thousand pounds			Percent		Thousand pounds			Percent	
January	1,274	1,225	660	-48	-46	2,153	1,575	3,800	+76	+141

^{1/} Enumerations.

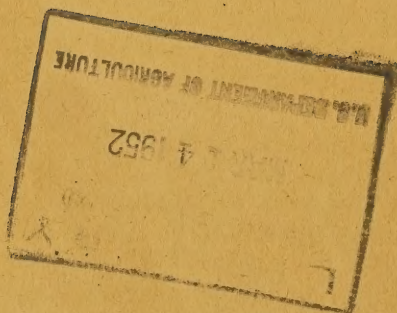
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Production of dry casein in January was the lowest and manufacturers' stocks the highest for the month in several years, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

Dry casein production was 660,000 pounds for January, the smallest for the month in the past 30 years, except for 1945 and 1946. It was 46 percent less than a year earlier and 48 percent below the 1946-50 average for the month.

Manufacturers' stocks of dry casein on January 31 were the highest for the date since 1944. At 3,800,000 pounds, stocks were 141 percent larger than a year earlier and 76 percent above the 5-year average for the date.

Prices of dry casein were practically unchanged during February according to the Production and Marketing Administration. In New York City, prices of domestic dry casein were unchanged from late January to late February and in late February were quoted at 27-29 cents per pound for standard grade f.o.b. Eastern and Mid-western plants. Premium grade was selling at 35-38 cents in late February. In Buenos Aires, the floor price on casein was reported at 18 cents per pound. This represents a decline of 5 cents in the floor price from late January. Argentine casein of the acid type was quoted in New York City at 23½-25 cents per pound in late February compared with 27-29 cents in late January.



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April 3, 1952

DRY CASEIN

February 1952

ESTIMATED PRODUCTION AND STOCKS - FEBRUARY 1952

Month	Production					Stocks held by driers at end of month				
	1946-50 average 1/	1951 2/	1952 2/	Change in 1952 from 1946-50 1951 av.		1946-50 average	1951	1952	Change in 1952 from 1946-50 1951 av.	
	Thousand pounds			Percent		Thousand pounds			Percent	
January	1,274	1,225	660	-48	-46	2,153	1,575	3,800	+76	+141
February	1,328	1,375	580	-56	-58	2,183	1,760	3,750	+72	+113
TOTAL	2,602	2,600	1,240	-52	-52					

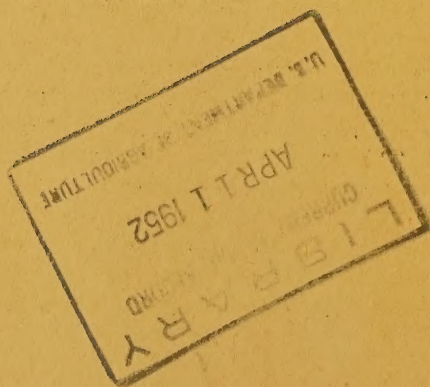
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Dry casein production for February at 580,000 pounds was, except for 1946, the smallest for the month in 29 years, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports. Output was 58 percent lower than a year earlier and 56 percent less than the 5-year February average. During the first two months of 1952, production totaled 1,240,000 pounds, a decline of 52 percent from both the same months a year earlier and the 5-year average for the 2-month period.

Manufacturers' stocks continued at a high level. Holdings of 3,750,000 pounds at the end of February were the highest for the date since 1944--113 percent higher than a year earlier and 72 percent more than the 1946-50 average.

According to the Production and Marketing Administration, domestic dry casein prices in New York City during late March were 27 to 28 cents per pound for standard grade 30 mesh f.o.b. Eastern and Midwestern plants. Premium grade 20-30 mesh casein was quoted at 35 to 37 cents per pound. Prices for both standard and premium grade represent a decline of $\frac{1}{2}$ cent from late February. In Buenos Aires, the official floor price was 14 cents per pound during the week ending March 28, a decline of 4 cents from a month earlier. In New York City, prices of 30 mesh Argentine casein were quoted at $19\frac{1}{4}$ to $20\frac{1}{2}$ cents with all duty paid, a decrease of $4\frac{1}{4}$ cents from the prices prevailing a month earlier.



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DRY CASEIN
 March 1952

ESTIMATED PRODUCTION AND STOCKS - MARCH 1952

Month	Production					Stocks held by driers at end of month				
	1946-50 average 1/	1951 2/	1952 2/	Change in 1952 from		1946-50 average	1951	1952	Change in 1952 from	
				1946-50 av.	1951				1946-50 av.	1951
Thousand pounds			Percent		Thousand pounds			Percent		
January	1,274	1,225	660	-48	-46	2,153	1,575	3,800	+76	+141
February	1,328	1,375	580	-56	-58	2,183	1,760	3,750	+72	+113
March	1,737	2,165	950	-45	-56	2,111	2,225	3,770	+79	+69
TOTAL	4,339	4,765	2,190	-50	-54					

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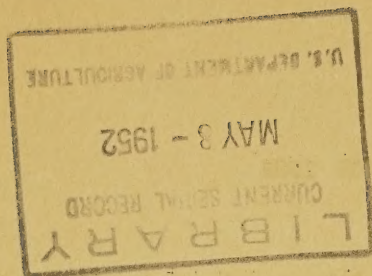
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Dry casein production in March, except for 1946, was the lowest for the month in nearly 30 years, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports. Stocks at the end of March, however, were the highest for the date in several years. March prices were the lowest for any month since the middle of 1950.

March output of dry casein is estimated at 950,000 pounds, down 56 percent from a year earlier and 45 percent from the 5-year March average. Cumulative production for the first quarter of 1952 totaled 2,190,000 pounds, a decline of 54 percent from the same period a year earlier and 50 percent from the 5-year average for the 3-month period.

Manufacturers' stocks of 3,770,000 pounds at the end of March, were the highest for the date since 1944, up 69 percent from a year earlier and 79 percent from the 1946-50 March 31 average. Stocks on the same date in past years have varied from as low as 1,645,000 pounds in 1948 to as high as 9,701,000 pounds in 1942.

According to the Production and Marketing Administration, domestic dry casein prices in New York City during late April were quoted at 25-28 cents per pound for standard grade 30 mesh f.o.b. eastern and middle western plants. This represents a decline of 1 cent per pound from a month earlier. Prices for premium grades, at 35-37 cents per pound, were unchanged from a month earlier. In Buenos Aires, the price remained unchanged from a month earlier at 14 cents per pound for units of less than 100 tons. For larger units the price was quoted at 13 cents per pound. In New York City, prices of 30 mesh acid type Argentine casein were quoted at 18-19 cents per pound, a decline of more than 1 1/3 cents from a month earlier.



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June 4, 1952

DRY CASEIN
April 1952

ESTIMATED PRODUCTION AND STOCKS - APRIL 1952

Month	Production					Stocks held by driers at end of month				
	1946-50 average 1/	1951 2/	1952 2/	Change in 1952 from		1946-50 average	1951	1952	Change in 1952 from	
				1946-50 av.	1951				1946-50 av.	1951
	Thousand pounds			Percent		Thousand Pounds			Percent	
January	1,274	1,225	660	-48	-46	2,153	1,575	3,800	+76	+141
February	1,328	1,375	530	-56	-58	2,183	1,760	3,750	+72	+113
March	1,737	2,165	950	-45	-56	2,111	2,225	3,770	+79	+69
April	2,191	2,475	1,025	-53	-59	2,763	3,300	3,265	+18	- 1
TOTAL	6,530	7,240	3,215	-51	-56					

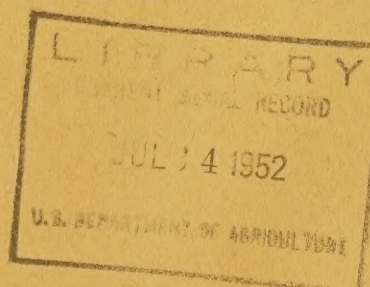
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Production of dry casein in April is estimated at 1,025,000 pounds, the lowest of record for the month since 1922, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports. This output is 59 percent lower than a year earlier and 53 percent below the 5-year average for the month. During the first 4 months of 1952, production totaled 3,215,000 pounds, down 56 percent from a year earlier and 51 percent below the April 1946-50 average.

Manufacturers' stocks of dry casein were 3,265,000 pounds for April 30, a decrease of 1 percent from a year earlier but a gain of 18 percent from the 5-year average for the date. Holdings at the end of April compare with stocks of as low as 2,325,000 pounds in 1948 and as high as 10,167,000 pounds in 1942.

Selling prices of domestic and Argentine casein have shown divergent trends during the month of May. According to the Production and Marketing Administration, prices for domestic dry casein in New York City during late May were 27-29 cents per pound for standard grade 30 mesh, f.o.b. eastern and mid-western plants. Premium grade was selling at 35-37½ cents per pound. Prices of standard grade have risen about 1½ cents per pound from late April to late May, while premium grade has risen ¼ cent. On the other hand, Argentine casein has shown a decline in price during the month. During the last week in May, the Argentine market was reported to be very unsettled. Offering prices for acid ground casein f.o.b. Buenos Aires, ranged from 10-11 cents. These prices compare with floor prices at the end of April of 14 cents per pound for lots of 100 tons and 13 cents for lots of more than 100 tons. Argentine casein in New York City was being offered at 15½-17 cents per pound during the last week in May compared with 18-19 cents at the end of April.



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July 3, 1952

DRY CASEIN

May 1952

ESTIMATED PRODUCTION AND STOCKS - MAY 1952

Month	Production					Stocks held by driers at end of month				
	1946-50 average 1/	1951 2/	1952 2/	Change in		1946-50 average	1951	1952	Change in	
				1952 from					1952 from	
				1946-50	1951				1946-50	1951
				av.					av.	
	Thousand pounds			Percent		Thousand pounds			Percent	
January	1,274	1,225	660	-48	-46	2,153	1,575	3,800	+76	+141
February	1,328	1,375	580	-56	-58	2,183	1,760	3,750	+72	+113
March	1,737	2,165	950	-45	-56	2,111	2,225	3,770	+79	+69
April	2,191	2,475	1,025	-53	-59	2,763	3,300	3,265	+18	-1
May	2,890	3,385	1,220	-58	-64	3,455	2,945	4,000	+16	+1
TOTAL	9,420	10,625	4,435	-53	-58					

1/ Enumerations.

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Production of dry casein in May is estimated at 1,220,000 pounds, the lowest of record since 1923, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports. This output is 64 percent below May last year and 58 percent below the 5-year average for the month. During the first 5 months of 1952, production totaled 4,435,000 pounds, down 58 percent from the same period last year and 53 percent below the 1946-50 May average.

Manufacturers' stocks of dry casein were reported at 4,000,000 pounds for May 31, an increase of 1 percent from the same date last year and 16 percent from the 5-year average for the date. Holdings on May 31 compare with stocks as low as 2,850,000 pounds in 1948 and as high as 10,750,000 pounds in 1942.

Selling prices of domestic casein were almost unchanged in June, through the 27th, according to reports of the Production and Marketing Administration. Prices of premium grade were reported in a range of 35 to 37.5 cents per pound. Prices of standard grade 30 mesh casein showed a drop of 1 cent per pound at the bottom of the range during the week ending June 20. Prices f.o.b. eastern and midwestern plants were quoted at 26 to 29 cents per pound during the weeks ending June 20 to 27. Prices for Argentine casein strengthened slightly during the last two weeks ending June 27, and on that date were quoted at 10 cents per pound for acid ground. However, this price was lower than the 10 to 11 cents reported during the last week in May. Best quality, 30 mesh acid type Argentine casein, was being offered in New York City on June 27 at 15 to 16.5 cents per pound, compared with 15.25 to 17 cents during the last week in May.

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August 5, 1952

DRY CASEIN

June 1952

ESTIMATED PRODUCTION AND STOCKS - JUNE 1952

Month	Production			Change in		Stocks held by driers at end of month			Change in	
	1946-50	1951 2/	1952 2/	1952 from		1956-50	1951	1952	1952 from	
	average			1946-50	1951	average			1946-50	1951
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	Thousand pounds			Percent		Thousand pounds			Percent	
January	1,274	1,225	660	-48	-46	2,153	1,575	3,800	+76	+141
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May	2,890	3,385	1,220	-58	-64	3,455	3,945	4,000	+16	+1
June	3,106	3,320	1,085	-65	-67	3,568	5,700	4,750	+33	-17
TOTAL	12,526	13,945	5,520	-56	-60					

1/ Enumerations.

2/ Estimated.

Dry casein production declined contra-seasonally from May to June, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports. June output was estimated at 1,085,000 pounds, the lowest for the month in 30 years, down 67 percent from a year earlier and down 65 percent from the 5-year June average. Cumulative production for the first half of 1952 was 5,520,000 pounds, a decline of 60 percent from the same period in 1951 and 56 percent from the 1946-50 average for the first half of the year.

Manufacturers' stocks of dry casein were estimated at 4,750,000 pounds, a decline of 17 percent from a year earlier, but a gain of 33 percent from the 5-year average for the date. Stocks of casein held by domestic driers on the same date in past years ranged from a low of 2,950,000 pounds in 1947 to a high of 14,741,000 pounds in 1942.

According to the Production and Marketing Administration, the July market for casein was firm on domestic casein, but still very unsettled on imported. Selling prices of domestic standard grade acid casein ranged from 28-30 cents per pound, f.o.b. eastern and midwestern plants in late July. This compares with a price of 26-29 cents in late June. Premium grade domestic casein in New York City brought from 35-37½ cents per pound. No export permits were being issued for Argentine casein. On the New York market, a very limited volume of the best quality acid type Argentine casein was being sold for 19½ cents per pound. This compares with 15-16½ cents in late June.

WITH THE JUNE ISSUE OF THIS REPORT, THE COMPILATION AND PUBLICATION CURRENTLY OF DATA ON THE PRODUCTION AND STOCKS OF DRY CASEIN IS BEING DROPPED. DATA ON THE PRODUCTION OF CASEIN WILL CONTINUE TO BE COMPILED AND PUBLISHED ANNUALLY IN THE BUREAU'S REPORT ON THE PRODUCTION OF MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS.

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